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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

15 LAN THU TRAN, INDIVIDUALLY and
16 d/b/a NHA HANG NGON a/k/a
DESESPERADO a/k/a LAI RAI,

17 Defendant.

C08 03405
Case No.

RS

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

DESIGNATION: PROPERTY RIGHTS

19 PLAINTIFF ALLEGES:

21 JURISDICTION

22 1. Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of a question arising under particular statutes. This
23 action is brought pursuant to several federal statutes, including the Communications Act of 1934, as
24 amended, Title 47 U.S.C. 605, *et seq.*, and The Cable & Television Consumer Protection and
25 Competition Act of 1992, as amended, Title 47 U.S. Section 553, *et seq.*

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1 2. This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section
2 1331, which states that the district courts shall original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the
3 Constitution, laws, or treaties, of the United States.

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5 3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties in this action as a result of the Defendant
6 wrongful acts hereinafter complained of which violated the Plaintiff's rights as the exclusive
7 commercial domestic distributor of the televised fight program hereinafter set forth at length. The
8 Defendant's wrongful acts consisted of the interception, publication, and tortious conversion of said
9 property of Plaintiff within the control of the Plaintiff in the State of California.

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11 **VENUE**
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13 4. Pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, venue is proper in the Northern District of California,
14 San Jose Division because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim
15 occurred in this District.

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17 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**
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19 5. Assignment to the San Jose Division is proper because a substantial part of the events or
20 omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in Santa Clara County.
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22 **THE PARTIES**
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24 6. The Plaintiff, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. is, and at all relevant times mentioned was, a
25 California corporation with its principal place of business located at 2380 South Bascom Avenue,
26 Suite 200, Campbell, California 95008.

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1 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon that defendant, Lan Thu Tran, is an
2 owner, and/or operator, and/or licensee, and/or permittee, and/or person in charge, and/or an individual
3 with dominion, control, oversight and management of the commercial establishment doing business as
4 Nha Hang Ngon a/k/a Desesperado a/k/a Lai Rai operating at 1593-95 Monterey Road, San Jose,
5 California 95110.

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7 **COUNT I**

8 **(Violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605)**

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10 8. Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., hereby incorporates by reference all of the allegations
11 contained in paragraphs 1-7, inclusive, as though set forth herein at length.

12 9. By contract, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., paid for and was thereafter granted the
13 exclusive nationwide television distribution rights to *Bernard Hopkins v. Jermain Taylor*
14 *Championship Fight Program* which took place on July 16, 2005 (this included all under-card bouts
15 and fight commentary encompassed in the television broadcast of the event, hereinafter referred to as
16 the "Program").

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18 10. Pursuant to contract, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., entered into subsequent
19 sublicensing agreements with various commercial entities throughout North America, including
20 entities within the State of California, by which it granted these entities limited sublicensing rights,
21 specifically the rights to publicly exhibit the Program to the patrons within their respective
22 establishments (i.e., hotels, racetracks, casinos, bars, taverns, restaurants, social clubs, etc.)

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24 11. As a commercial distributor of sporting events, including the Program, Plaintiff J & J Sports
25 Productions, Inc., expended substantial monies marketing, advertising, promoting, administering, and
26 transmitting the Program to its customers, the aforementioned commercial entities.

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1 12. With full knowledge that the Program was not to be intercepted, received and exhibited by
2 entities unauthorized to do so, each and every of the above named defendant and/or his agents,
3 servants, workmen or employees did unlawfully publish, divulge and exhibit the Program at the time
4 of its transmission at his San Jose, California location (1593-95 Monterey Road, San Jose, California
5 95110). Said unauthorized interception, publication, exhibition and divulgence by defendant was done
6 willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain.

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8 13. Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, *et seq.*, prohibits the unauthorized publication or use of
9 communications (such as the transmission for which Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., had the
10 distribution rights thereto).

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12 14. By reason of the aforesaid mentioned conduct, the aforementioned defendant, violated Title 47
13 U.S.C. Section 605, *et seq.*

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15 15. By reason of the defendant's violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, *et seq.*, Plaintiff J & J
16 Sports Productions, Inc., has the private right of action pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605.

17 16. As the result of the aforementioned defendant's violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, and
18 pursuant to said Section 605, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., is entitled to the following from
19 each defendant:

- 20 (a) Statutory damages for each willful violation in an amount to
21 \$100,000.00 pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. 605(e)(3)(C)(ii), and also
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23 (b) the recovery of full costs, including reasonable attorneys fees,
24 pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605(e)(3)(B)(iii).

25 **WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as set forth below.**

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COUNT II

(Violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553)

17. Plaintiff's hereby incorporates by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-16, inclusive, as though set forth herein at length.

18. The unauthorized interception, exhibition, publication, and divulgence of the Program by the above named defendant are prohibited by Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553 *et seq.*

19. By reason of the aforesaid mentioned conduct, the aforementioned defendant, violated Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553, *et seq.*

20. By reason of the defendant's violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553, *et seq.*, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., has the private right of action pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553.

21. As the result of the aforementioned defendant's violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553, and pursuant to said Section 553, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., is entitled to the following from each defendant:

- (a) Statutory damages for each willful violation in an amount to \$50,000.00 pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. 553 (b)(2) and also
- (b) the recovery of full costs pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553 (c)(2)(C), and also
- (c) and in the discretion of this Honorable Court, reasonable attorneys fees, pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 553 (c)(2)(C).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as set forth below.

COUNT III

(Conversion)

22. Plaintiff's hereby incorporates by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-21, inclusive, as though set forth herein at length.

23. By its acts as aforesaid in interception, exhibiting, publishing, and divulging the Program at the above-captioned address, the aforementioned defendant, tortuously obtained possession of the Program and wrongfully converted it to its own use and benefit.

24. The aforesaid acts of the defendant were willful, malicious, and intentionally designed to harm Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., and to subject said Plaintiff to economic distress.

25. Accordingly, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., is entitled to both compensatory, as well as punitive damages, from aforementioned defendant as the result of the defendant's egregious conduct and conversion.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as set forth below.

As to the First Count:

1. For statutory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 against defendant, and
2. For reasonable attorney fees pursuant to statute, and
3. For all costs of suit, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process fees, investigative costs, and
4. For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

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As to the Second Count:

1. For statutory damages in the amount of \$50,000.00 against defendant, and;
2. For reasonable attorney fees as may be awarded in the Court's discretion pursuant to statute, and;
3. For all costs of suit, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process fees, investigative costs, and;
4. For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Third Count:

1. For compensatory damages in an amount according to proof against defendant, and;
2. For reasonable attorney fees as may be awarded in the Court's discretion pursuant to statute, and;
3. For all costs of suit, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process fees, investigative costs, and;
4. For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7/14/08


LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS P. RILEY, P.C.

By: Thomas P. Riley, Esquire
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J & J Sports Productions, Inc.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE TWO)

I.(a) PLAINTIFFS

J & J Sports Production, Inc.

DEFENDANTS

Lan Thu Tran, et al.

**(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)**

Santa Clara

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)**NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. Santa Clara**(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)**Law Offices of Thomas P. Riley, P.C.
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ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)**C08 03405****RS****II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)**

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from Another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury Med Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth In Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 RR & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl.Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (US Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 990 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motion to Vacate Sentence Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE US CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Violation of Telecommunications Statutes 47 USC 553 and 47 USC 605

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$ 150,000.00
 UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

☐ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
 JURY DEMAND: ☐ YES ☒ NO
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY PLEASE REFER TO CIVIL L.R. 3-12 CONCERNING REQUIREMENT TO FILE "NOTICE OF RELATED CASE".**IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (CIVIL L.R. 3-2) (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)** ☐ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND ☒ SAN JOSE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

7/14/08

JS 44 Reverse (Rev. 12/96)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44
 Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs - Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "•" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "•" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Origin. Place an "•" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

V. Nature of Suit. Place an "•" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "•" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases. Date and Attorney Signature.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.